

earlier this year was a significant step forward. This new law will direct and guide the National Cancer Institute (NCI) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in developing a strategic plan—a scientific framework—to address pancreatic cancer and other recalcitrant cancers: brain, esophageal, liver, lung, ovarian and stomach. NIH is the world's leading biomedical research institution and, with adequate resources, I am hopeful that we can make significant advances in finding new, effective treatments for pancreatic and all cancers while also finding their causes.

We cannot expect to reap the proposed benefits that will emerge from this strategic plan unless we come together and make a serious financial commitment to NIH. When adjusting for inflation, the NIH budget has decreased 23 percent since 2001. We are eroding the work and future promises of the world's greatest research entity. We are losing a generation of research scientists. And, we are losing lives. We must put NIH on a slow, but steady path of increased funding in order to establish the stability needed for long term research.

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HONORING AND SUPPORTING THE  
AMERICAN TEAM IN THE 2013  
DEAFLYMPICS

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**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2013*

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and cheer America's deaf athletes and the United States Deaf Sports Federation, USADSF, in their representation of the United States of America at the upcoming 2013 Summer Deaflympics in Sofia, Bulgaria.

The Summer Deaflympics have been held every four years since 1924 and the Winter Deaflympics since 1949—making the Deaflympics the second-oldest international sports games after the Olympics.

From July 26, 2013, through August 4, 2013, Sofia, Bulgaria, will host the 2013 Summer Deaflympics. Over 180 deaf and hard of hearing athletes and coaches will train and travel to Sofia to represent the United States in 11 sports. They have trained their entire lives for the honor and privilege of representing their country in international competition. Their achievements are extraordinary, and I know my colleagues join me in feeling great pride in all they have accomplished.

USADSF was established in 1945 and represents over 100,000 deaf and hard of hearing athletes in the United States and nearly 1,500 individual member organizations. USADSF fosters and regulates rules of competition and provides social outlets for deaf athletes and their friends. It serves as a parent organization of national deaf sports organizations, conducts annual deaf sports athletic competitions, and assists in the participation of American teams in international competition.

USADSF is run by volunteers, who give of their time, talent, and resources for the love of the games and the athletes.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate all the athletes, coaches, and support staff from the United States for earning a place to represent our country at the 2013 Summer Deaflympics and I commend USADSF for their efforts in supporting them.

I urge my colleagues to join me in cheering our American athletes on to success at the games, and to co-sponsor my bipartisan resolution honoring their achievements. This resolution, which I introduced today, calls on all members to honor and support our delegation and wishes them well as they represent our country against the world.

RECOGNIZING MARY KAY, INC.'S  
50TH ANNIVERSARY

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**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2013*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Mary Kay, Inc. This year marks the Dallas-based company's 50th anniversary, and it has a great deal to celebrate. Founded by Mary Kay Ash and her son, Richard Rogers, the company now operates in 37 foreign markets and will bring in an estimated \$3.5 billion in wholesale sales this year.

Beginning today, 50,000 members of Mary Kay's workforce will come to Dallas in waves to celebrate this landmark anniversary and attend the annual Mary Kay seminar being held at the Dallas Convention Center. Those coming to Dallas represent only a fraction of Mary Kay's workforce that includes over 2.5 million independent beauty consultants.

Mary Kay, Inc. supports The Mary Kay Foundation, which has a mission of eliminating cancers that affect women and ending domestic violence. The Foundation supports research on breast, uterine, cervical, and ovarian cancers, and provides grants to women's shelters and community domestic violence programs.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to celebrate the success of this extraordinary company. As a company founded by a driven and entrepreneurial woman, and employing a workforce composed primarily of women, I am proud that Mary Kay, Inc. has chosen the great city of Dallas as its home base.